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Thursday, June 4, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATE

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County will provide an update on the county's response to COVID-19. The link to view the video when it is posted is at right.

NW INNOVATION RESOURCE CENTER ANNOUNCES AMAZON CATALYST COMPETITION IN NW WASHINGTON, INCLUDING SIX SNOHOMISH COUNTY CITIES

The NWIRC has teamed up with eight cities in NW Washington, including six in Snohomish County, to bring a variety of opportunities for individuals to participate in bringing forth their creative, innovative ideas that improve and strengthen our local communities, cities and the region.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA WESTERN WASHINGTON LAUNCHES FOUR NEW DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY SITES

VOAWW has added four new drive-thru food pantry sites, in addition to their current Casino Road Food Pantry. Full list at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County to Provide COVID-19 Response Update

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers will be joined by Dr. Chris Spitters, the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District, and Brian Nielson, the Deputy Regional Administrator for the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including transportation projects and safety precautions.

The video will be available at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19General-Information>

NW Innovation Resource Center Announces Amazon Catalyst Competition in NW Washington, Including Six Snohomish County Cities

The NW Innovation Resource Center (NWIRC) is excited to be a sponsor for the newest Amazon Catalyst Competition for NW Washington, a program aimed at supercharging innovation and encouraging individuals to think big, invent solutions to real-world problems, and make a positive impact on the world. The NWIRC has teamed up with eight cities in NW Washington, including six in Snohomish County, to bring a variety of opportunities for individuals to participate in bringing forth their creative, innovative ideas that improve and strengthen our local communities, cities and the region.

Residents in the below communities who are interested in participating in NWIRC's Amazon Catalyst competition should:

- Dream big about how to build creative power for change that makes a 10 x improvement to the status quo.
- Submit a proposal with a brief description of the problem and their solution via by July 31, 2020.

Each city has chosen a theme unique to their area:

[Arlington – Cleantech](#)

[Bothell – Applied Life Sciences](#)

[Edmonds – Creative Sector Solutions to Economic Recovery](#)

[Everett – Healthcare](#)

[Lynnwood – Transportation](#)

[Marysville – Streamline Manufacturing](#)

The Amazon Catalyst program is a unique opportunity for organizations to encourage their community to share their big ideas of how to help. This program gives them a place to launch the next big idea, right in their own hometown. To help you and our communities, NWIRC will award \$10,000 amongst the top three ideas in each city.

For more information, visit <https://competition.nwirc.com/>

[Bothell news release](#)

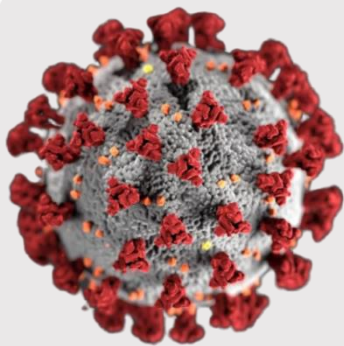
[Edmonds news release](#)

[Marysville news release](#)

Volunteers of America Western Washington Launches Four New Drive-Thru Food Pantry Sites

Volunteers of America Western Washington is now providing even more food to our neighbors in need by adding four new drive-through food





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GOV. INSLEE HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE

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NEW CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY DOWN 37% FROM THE WEEK BEFORE

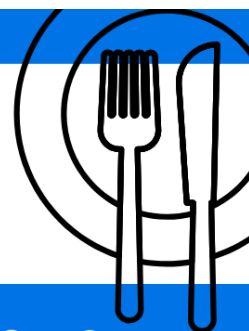
Statewide, new claims for unemployment were down 37%. ESD paid out over \$514.7 million for 400,352 individual claims.

pantry sites, in addition to their current Casino Road Food Pantry. You can also find this information at www.voaww.org/foodbank.

- Casino Road Food Pantry
Tuesdays, 10am - 1pm @ 14 E Casino Road, Everett, WA 98208
- Sultan Food Pantry
Tuesdays, 11am - 2pm @ 617 1st St, Sultan, WA 98294
- Everett Community College Food Pantry
Wednesdays, 11am - 2pm @ 2000 Tower Street, Everett, WA 98201, Lot J
- Trinity Lutheran Church Food Pantry
Thursdays, 11am - 2pm @ 6215 196th St. SW Lynnwood, WA 98036
- Former Arlington Haggen Site Food Pantry
Fridays, 11am - 2pm @ 20115 74th Avenue NE Arlington, WA 98223

Volunteers needed for all sites! To find out more, please email Lindsay Donovan at LDonovan@voaww.org.

Drive-Through Food Pantries



- Five locations throughout SnoCo
- No ID or documentation required
- Volunteers needed! Please email Lindsay at LDonovan@voaww.org



Gov. Inslee Held a Press Conference Today

Governor Jay Inslee held a press conference at the State Capitol to address the state's COVID-19 testing plan. Joining the governor was Washington Secretary of Health John Wiesman.

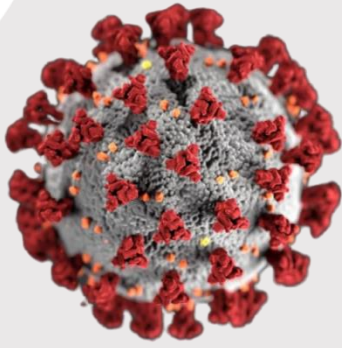
Tune into TVW to watch the recording.

New Claims for Unemployment Benefits in Snohomish County Down 37% from the Week Before

During the week of May 24-30, there were 31,224 initial regular unemployment claims, down 37% from the prior week and 774,959 total claims for all unemployment benefit categories filed by Washingtonians, according to the Employment Security Department (ESD).

ESD believes the continued decrease is due to a variety of reasons, including fraud prevention measures and more people going back to work with the reopening of some industry sectors and regions over the past three weeks.





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WASHINGTON SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER HOSTING FREE TRAINING FOR BUSINESSES: FRIDAY, JUNE 5 FROM 1-2 P.M.

Join the Washington Small Business Development Center for a free online training Friday, June 5 to learn about employer COVID-19 safety requirements and resources. Link to register at right.

DOH REPORTS ON COVID-19 IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

DOH has released new statewide numbers on COVID-19 cases associated with a long term care facility.

In addition, during the week of May 24-30, ESD paid out over \$514.7 million for 400,352 individual claims.

Since the week ending March 7 when COVID-19 job losses began:

- A total of 1,152,516 distinct individuals have filed for unemployment benefits
- ESD has paid out nearly \$4.9 billion in benefits
- 826,123 individuals who have filed an initial claim have been paid

Snohomish County: Initial claims filed decreased from 5,675 to 3,580 down 37% from the week before. Nearly 1 in 5 of these new initial claims for unemployment were in the following industries: transportation equipment manufacturing, specialty trade contractors, and food services/drinking places. See the dashboard [here](#).

ESD will send out the next weekly new claims press release on Thursday, June 11 at 10 a.m. Pacific Time.

For more information please read ESD's [news release](#).

Washington Small Business Development Center Hosting Free Training for Businesses: Friday, June 5 from 1:00 P.M - 2:00 P.M.

As Washington State businesses prepare for reopening, navigating the health and safety precautions to protect employees and customers can be daunting. Join the Washington Small Business Development Center for a free online training Friday, June 5 and learn about employer COVID-19 safety requirements, employer and employee rights and obligations, potential consequences, and resources to assist small businesses preparing to reopen safely.

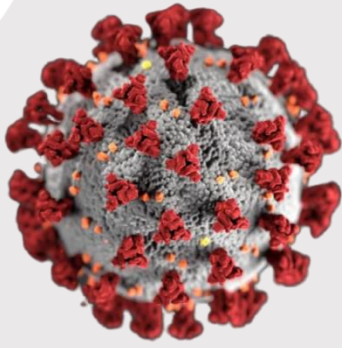
The training, "Business Recovery Safe Reopening," will run from 1-2 p.m. June 5. It is presented by John McFadden, consultation manager for State Labor & Industries Division of Occupational Safety & Health (DOSH).

To please visit Washington's SBDC's [webpage to sign up](#) and check out [other training events](#).

DOH Reports on COVID-19 in Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF)

Department of Health has reported that as of June 1, a total of 3,860 COVID-19 cases (18% of total cases) and 690 deaths (61% of total deaths) have been identified as associated with a long term care facility, including nursing home, assisted living facility or adult family home. These cases may include residents as well as employees and visitors, and currently, we have limited ability to distinguish amongst them.

- These numbers have been identified using several sources of information including interviews with patients, medical record review and cross-matching address information.
- We cannot say for certain that all of these cases were exposed at a LTCF. Many cases visited multiple places during their exposure period, and some individuals may have visited a LTCF after disease onset.
- Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and may change over time as we learn more. We are working to improve this information going forward.



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NEW DOH BLOG POST: TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Health published a new blog post highlighting the top 5 most important things to know about the COVID-19 pandemic right now.

AG CALLS FOR LEGAL COMMUNITY TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES THROUGH THE MEDAL PROGRAM

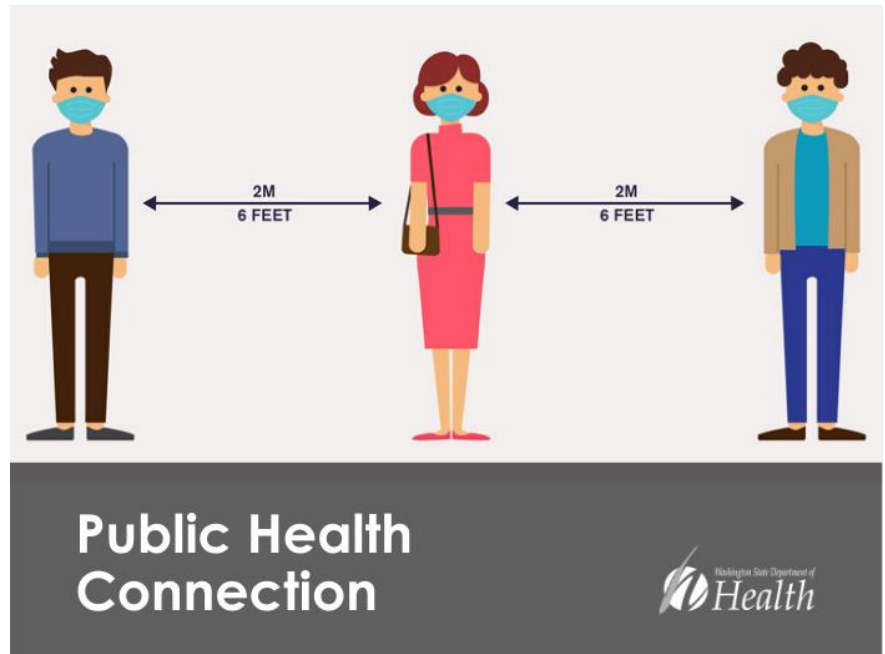
The Military Engagement and Directed Advocacy by Lawyers Program (MEDAL) connects volunteer attorneys to eligible military and veteran families facing select civil legal issues.

New DOH Blog Post: Top 5 Things to Know About COVID-19

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) published a new blog post highlighting the top 5 most important things to know about the pandemic right now.

1. Six feet away, buddy!
2. I care about you.
3. This is how we open the economy.
4. We know how to beat this.
5. We must address racism and COVID-19 at the same time.

For more information please read DOH's [blog post](#).



AG Calls for Legal Community to Assist Eligible Military and Veteran Families through the MEDAL Program



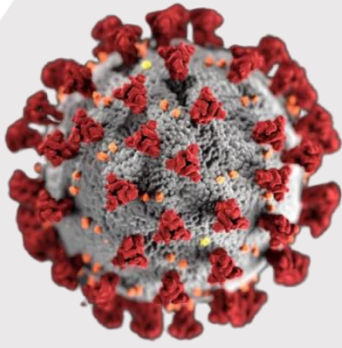
Under the Washington State Attorney General's Office, the Military Engagement and Directed Advocacy by Lawyers Program (MEDAL) connects volunteer attorneys to eligible military and veteran families facing select civil legal issues.

The program has received a dramatic increase in requests for legal assistance from veterans, service members stationed in Washington, and their families since the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Many of the requests are directly and indirectly related to the public health emergency, including requests for wills assistance from individuals in high-risk categories, request for assistance from small business owners and others impacted by the economic disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Attorney General Bob Ferguson is asking the legal community to help with the increased requests for assistance. The AG is asking for volunteers that can handle one or more pro bono cases on behalf of military and veteran clients to please contact OMVLA@atg.wa.gov or fill out a volunteer application [here](#).

For more information about the MEDAL program please visit the AG's [webpage](#).





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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ADVISES BUSINESSES DAMAGED DURING PROTESTS: FILE CLAIMS ASAP

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler is advising Washington State business owners who have experienced damage during protests to contact their insurance companies as soon as possible.

159 MILLION ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS PROCESSED; LOW-INCOME PEOPLE AND OTHERS WHO AREN'T REQUIRED TO FILE TAX RETURNS CAN QUICKLY REGISTER FOR PAYMENT WITH IRS NON-FILERS TOOL

The IRS reminds many low-income Americans who don't usually file tax returns to register for a payment by October 15 using the Non-Filers tool available on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Insurance Commissioner Advises Businesses Damaged During Protests: File Claims ASAP

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler is advising Washington State business owners who have experienced damage during protests to contact their insurance companies as soon as possible.

Damage to businesses and commercial properties caused by theft and vandalism, including fires, should be covered under their commercial property insurance policy. The only exception would be if the policy specifically excludes that type of loss.

Damage to plate glass windows may require separate coverage, depending on the language in each business' policy. Review your policy carefully.

Businesses that have been temporarily closed due to the coronavirus outbreak are not considered vacant under the terms of an insurance policy.

Additionally, damage caused during a protest should not be considered a "war and military action" exclusion.

Businesses should do two things immediately:

- Contact your insurance company if you are going to file a claim.
- Consider retaining professional help to clean up debris and secure your property to protect it from further damage. Many commercial insurance policies will reimburse you for these costs.

If you have problems with your claim, [contact Kreidler's office](#). Learn more about [business insurance](#).

For more information please read the Insurance Commissioner's [news release](#).

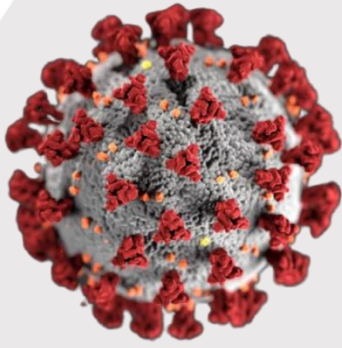
159 Million Economic Impact Payments Processed; Low-Income People and Others Who Aren't Required to File Tax Returns Can Quickly Register for Payment with IRS Non-Filers Tool

With 159 million Economic Impact Payments processed since the COVID-19 crisis began, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds many low-income Americans who don't usually file tax returns to [register](#) for a payment by Oct. 15.

Millions of low-income people and others who aren't required to file a tax return may be eligible for an Economic Impact Payment and can easily register for a payment by using the free [Non-Filers](#) tool, available only on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

In the past two months, more than 159 million Americans have received Economic Impact Payments totaling almost \$267 billion. Of the payments, 120 million were sent to Americans by direct deposit, 35 million by check and 4 million payments were made in the form of a pre-paid debit card. This includes payments sent to those who usually do not have to file a tax return but receive retirement, survivor or disability benefits under various programs administered by the Social Security Administration as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Railroad Retirement Board who qualify. These individuals can use [Get My Payment](#) to check on their payment status.

To help people who aren't normally required to file a tax return, the IRS created the [Non-Filers tool](#), available in English and Spanish, in partnership with the Free File Alliance. The Non-Filers tool is designed for people with



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OPERATION STOLEN PROMISE TARGETS COVID-19 RELATED FRAUD

Operation Stolen Promise has been launched by the federal government to target COVID-19 related fraud and other criminal activity.

CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211 for help**. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

incomes typically below \$24,400 for married couples, and \$12,200 for singles. This includes couples and individuals who are homeless. People can qualify, even if they do not have earned income or work. Usually, married couples qualify to receive a \$2,400 payment while others normally qualify to get \$1,200. People with qualifying children under 17 can get up to an additional \$500 for each child. Anyone who already filed either a 2018 or 2019 return does not qualify to use this tool.

As part of this effort, the agency has created an Economic Impact Payment [partner](#) page, and materials are available in multiple languages.

For more information please read the IRS [news release](#) and visit their [webpage](#).

Operation Stolen Promise Targets COVID-19-Related Fraud

As the pandemic continues, fraud scams involving financial relief, COVID-19 stimulus checks and traditional boiler room operations will increase. Criminal organizations intent on importing counterfeit and prohibited pharmaceuticals and test kits are preying on Americans searching for effective treatments and testing, and bogus medical supplies are endangering our citizens. Additionally, malicious cyber actors will continue to use the internet to facilitate fraud and other forms of illegal activity at the expense of the American public.

To combat these threats, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) recently launched Operation Stolen Promise (OSP), which targets COVID-19-related fraud and other criminal activity. The initiative combines HSI's expertise in global trade investigations, financial fraud, and cyber investigations with robust private and public partnerships to disrupt and dismantle this criminal activity and strengthen global supply-chain security.

For more information please see ICE's [webpage](#) and [Tweet](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of June 4, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Confirmed	3,023
Probable	419
Deceased	152

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:45 p.m.
Arlington	127 (117 recovered)
Bothell*	218 (199 recovered)
Brier	22 (22 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	350 (301 recovered)
Everett	1,017 (815 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	29 (23 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	123 (115 recovered)
Lynnwood	648 (567 recovered)
Marysville	254 (219 recovered)
Mill Creek	57 (46 recovered)
Monroe	87 (76 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	114 (103 recovered)
Mukilteo	66 (60 recovered)
Snohomish	162 (147 recovered)
Stanwood	108 (91 recovered)

Sultan	8 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	24 (20 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

* Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only. Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.